

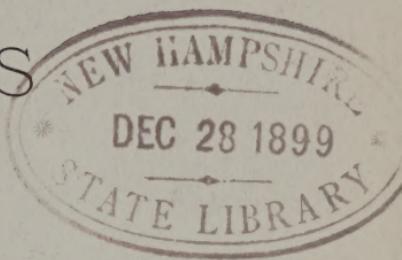
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Westmoreland
for the
year ending
March 1, 1881

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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

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1881.

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To JOHN WORKS AND OLIVER J. BUTTERFIELD, AUDITORS—

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, Selectmen and Treasurer of Westmoreland, respectfully submit the following Financial Report of the Town for the year ending March 1, 1881:—

ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR THE YEAR 1880.

For the support of schools,	\$1,543 50
State tax,	1,764 00
County tax,	1,160 30
	—————
	\$4,467 80
Overlay,	215 10
	—————
Tax raised,	\$4,682 90

APRIL INVOICE OF 1880.

278 polls,	\$27,800 00
Real estate, resident,	379,701 00
" non-resident,	18,486 00
Mills and Ferries,	1,700 00
Stock in trade,	4,935 00
311 Horses,	19,360 00
143 Oxen,	7,910 00
627 Cows,	15,298 00
604 Neat Stock,	11,724 00
1737 Sheep,	5,914 00
25 Hogs,	172,00
30 Carriages,	1,650 00
Bank Stock,	9,900 00
Money,	96,222 00
	—————
Total Invoice,	\$600,372 00

Rate per cent. of tax on one hundred dollars, 78 cts.	
Tax resulting,	\$4,682 90
Special tax, School District No. 8,	75 00
Outlay on same,	2 88
Tax on 51 male dogs,	51 00
Non-resident highway tax,	32 13

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1880,	\$48 73
Collector of 1879, cash,	43 59
Collector of 1880, cash,	4,465 11
Barton C. Aldrich, on note issued,	100 00
Jasper Hall, payment of note,	403 20
S. B. Aldrich, interest on Fox money,	45 00
B. J. Leach " " "	15 84
State treasurer, railroad tax,	109 14
" " Savings bank tax,	1,866 75
" " Literary fund,	86 21
County treasurer, pauper claim, April term,	13 94
" " October term,	4 00
Rhoda C. White, on note issued,	500 00
Willard Bill, jr., old timber,	1 00
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	\$7,702 51

EXPENDITURES.

The town raised no money by vote for the Support of the Poor. For Highways and Bridges, for Outstanding Accounts, Town Officers and Judicial expenses:	\$1,617 38
Losses:—5 per cent. tax discount,	\$168 51
Abatement of taxes,	4 63
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	\$173 14
Taxes uncollected,	199 44

ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING
MARCH 1, 1880.

Paid Holland Bennett, driving hearse,	\$10 61
John Wood, work on roads,	2 00
Wm. C. Slocum, "	1 60
George W. Smith, Snowing Co. Farm bridge,	3 00
George F. Hubbard, 12 hemlock trees,	2 00
Jasper Hall, use of water and work on road,	3 00
Willard Shaw, board of Nelson Temple, pauper,	52 00
Electa B. Bemis, aid of Fanny Cowdery, pauper,	20 00

	\$94 21

SCHOOLS AND DIVISIONS OF MONEYS.

Raised tax, assessment required by law,	\$1,543 50
Derived from interest of town literary fund,	106 36
" " State literary fund,	89 54
" " Interest on Fox donation,	60 00
" " Balance of dog tax of 1878-9,	98 50

	\$1,897 90

Districts.	Valuation.	One-half by Valuation.	One-half equally.	Orders Paid.
Number 1,	\$66,450	\$105.03	\$79,079	\$184.11
" 2,	33,615	53.14	"	132.22
" 3,	79,207	125.19	"	204.27
" 4,	28,033	44.32	"	123.41
" 5,	47,907	75.71	"	154.79
" 6,	38,852	61.41	"	140.49
" 7,	25,276	39.97	"	119.05
" 8,	36,566	57.80	"	136.87
" 9,	36,626	57.89	"	136.97
" 10,	82,756	130.79	"	209.87

" 11,	94,227	148.92	"	228.00
" 12,	30,857	48.78	"	127.85
	\$600,372	\$948.95	\$948.95	\$1,897.90
Paid District No. 8, special tax,				75.00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

TOWN.

AID OF ÉBENEZER HACKETT.

Paid Jas. M. Greeley, board as per contract,	\$100 00
" " Extra care in sickness,	5 00
" " Making clothing,	1 25
Dan W. Cole, goods,	1 05
W. J. Reed, agent, goods,	1 37
J. A. Loveland, medical aid,	20 00
	\$128 67

AID OF NELSON TEMPLE.

Paid Ebenezer Leach, board as per contract,	\$55 40
" " Extra care in sickness,	13 00
" " Making clothing,	75
Wm. J. Reed, agent, goods,	4 21
W. A. Burt, clothing,	50
Geo. W. Daggett, cobbling,	1 10
J. A. Loveland, medical aid,	3 00
John Cowdery, coffin,	5 50
Chas. B. Gannett, digging grave.	3 00
	\$86 46

AID OF HENRY HALL.

Paid Barton C. Aldrich, board as per contract,	\$57 11

AID OF EMMA GRAVES.

Paid Mary A. Graves, board as per contract,	\$80 00

AID OF DRACO GOODRICH.

Paid George J. Bennett for aid of same,	\$151 83

COUNTY.

Paid Jewett E. Buffum, aid of Mrs. Stevens,	50
John Dinsmore, aid of J. H. Dinsmore,	6 50
Total pauper expenses,	<hr/> \$511 07

BOUNTIES.

Paid Alwis Wiley, 1 hawk,	\$ 20
Oliver G. Leonard, 6 hawks,	1 20
George W. Smith, 1 hawk,	20
Samuel Chickering, 4 hawks,	80
Edwin White, 1 hawk,	20
Lovell B. Keith, 3 hawks,	60
	<hr/> \$3 20

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Voted to raise assessment required by law,	\$2924 30
Paid Solon A. Carter, treasurer, State tax,	\$1764 00
George A. Litchfield, treasurer, coun-	
ty tax,	1160 30
	<hr/> \$2924 30

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Timber, Lumber and Iron Account.

Paid Edward B. Butterfield, lumber,	\$54 30
Joseph E. Fuller, timber,	1 00
Thompson & Britton, timber,	12 26
James Buffum, timber,	26 93
Knowlton & Stone, iron,	6 37
Goodrich & Co., lumber,	6 25
Jewett E. Buffum, timber,	11 19
A. Hall, iron,	10 72
Willard Bill, Jr., timber and lumber and paint,	21 87
Dan W. Cole, nails,	2 91
Leonard Wilcox, lumber,	27 86

Paid Daniel W. Patten, lumber,	2 00
George J. Bennett, lumber,	2 70
Willard W. Pierce, lumber,	17 76
Elmer T. Nims, timber,	6 05
William B. Britton, timber,	9 10
Albert Thompson, powder and fuse,	62
Samuel W. Dart, boards,	12 35
John Works, stringers,	3 20
W. J. Reed, agent, nails, powder and fuse,	3 39
L. Wesley Aldrich, stringers,	5 00
W. A. Burt, nails,	2 46
John Cowdery, oil,	2 45
	<hr/> \$248 74

Labor Account.

Paid Ezekiel Bosworth,	18 00
Joseph E. Fuller,	18 00
George S. Aldrich,	14 67
James Buffum,	3 33
J. E. Buffum,	45 75
Dan Robbins,	2 50
Mrs. E. B. Butterfield, board of same,	50
Elliot Wyman,	10 83
Clinton E. Wellington,	2 67
Almon C. Adams,	2 37
Horace E. Reynolds,	8 67
George E. Patten,	2 10
Daniel W. Patten,	4 00
George J. Bennett,	2 00
Charles E. Rawson,	2 67
Willard W. Pierce,	97
James Hall,	1 38
Jasper Hall,	1 00
Daniel Norris,	1 50
George F. Hubbard,	3 83
Ambrose C. Higgins,	6 67
Walter S. Daggett,	25
Bradley Leach,	2 00

Paid Leonard Wilcox,	3 01
Arad Fletcher,	1 00
Henry C. Cobleigh,	4 00
George W. Smith,	4 67
Edwin J. Goodnow,	2 72
Allen A. Barker,	18 34
Noah Allen,	5 00
Albert Chickering,	2 00
Barton C. Aldrich,	18 50
Willard Bill, Jr.	27 16

	\$242 09

Amount of cash expenditures on Highway and Bridge account for the year, \$491 27.

During the year we have constructed four bridges of over forty feet span, three of which are trussed, boarded and shingled, and one painted, at an expense of \$378.51, which is included in the above, namely:

Truss Bridge near Willard Shaw's house,	\$111 61
" " E. B. Butterfield's house,	136 92
" " Foster Franklin's house,	107 77
" " A. M. Graves' house,	22 21

	\$378 51

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid Willard Bill, Jr., note and interest.	\$352 68
Barton C. Aldrich, " "	105 73
Rhoda C. White, " "	625 25

	\$1,083 66

Interest has also been paid on Town Literary Fund which is included in expenditures for schools, \$106 36

TOWN HALL.

Received from rents,		\$12 00
Paid I. A. Loveland, janitor service,	\$5 00	
" " wood and fitting same,	4 00	
" " oil,	1 09	
" " cleaning same,	2 00	
" " broom, chimney etc.,	1 23	
E. W. Gustine, lamps,	6 20	
John Cowdery, lock,	1 88	
Cheshire Mutual Co., insurance,	24 00	
		\$45 40
Excess of payments, over receipts,		\$33 40

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid I. A. Loveland, 25 ctfs. of births & deaths,	\$6 25
Wm. R. Dunham, 5 " " "	1 25
John F. Butler, 4 " " "	1 00
A. P. Richardson, 3 " " "	75
Lowell G. Starkey, damages from insufficiency of bridge,	27 50
Sentinel Printing Co., reports,	30 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., books, blanks and stationery,	11 53
L. Wellington, fees in school dist. case,	37 00
Lane & Dole, " " "	4 00
I. A. Loveland, notices, etc.,	1 00
F. H. Ware, copying taxes,	4 00
Henry F. Cowdery, driving hearse,	12 00
Samuel Hall, removing nuisance,	3 00
Stephen B. Gerry, use of water,	1 50
Mrs. J. A. Chamberlin, " " "	1 00
Anson Cole, " " "	1 50
Heber B. Cole, " " "	1 50

Paid Spencer M. Leonard, sheep damage,	2 50
James Moriarty, " "	4 00
Abel E. Johnson, " "	3 50
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	\$154 78

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Willard Bill, Jr., selectman,	\$77 75
Barton C. Aldrich, "	34 25
Jewett E. Buffum, "	52 00
Geo. R. Perry, supervisor and expenses,	12 15
Robert T. Aldrich, "	12 00
William B. Britton, "	12 00
Edwin J. Goodnow, town clerk,	22 50
Clinton C. Hall, collector of taxes,	50 00
John Cowdery, treasurer,	18 00
I. A. Loveland, supt. school com.,	35 00
James B. Mason, " "	9 00
Jehiel Clafin " " out-	
standing,	8 00
John Marks, auditor,	2 00
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	\$344 65

RECAPITULATION.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid outstanding orders and accounts,	\$94 21
Schools,	1,897 90
Special school district No. 8 tax,	75 00
Paupers, aid of,	511 07
Bounties,	3 20
State tax,	1,764 00
County tax,	1,160 30
Highways and bridges, work,	242 09
" " lumber, etc.,	248 74
Incidental,	154 78
Town officers,	344 65
Town hall, (to balance account,)	33 40
Notes and interest,	1,083 66
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	\$7,613 00
Amount of receipts,	\$7,702 51
Disbursements,	\$7,613 00
Cash in treasury,	89 51
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	7,702 51

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

MARCH 1, 1881.

LIABILITIES.

Rhoda C. White, note dated March 1, 1881,	\$500 00
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ASSETS.

Taxes in hands of collector of 1871-2, not in- cluding interest on same,	\$111 00
Taxes in hands of collector of 1877,	100 00
Taxes in hands of collector of 1880, not in- cluding accrued interest,	199 44

Cash in treasury,	89 51
Due from State on bounties paid,	3 20
Amount of assets,	\$503 15
Assets over and above Indebtedness,	\$3 15
Indebtedness over and above assets. March 1, 1880.	\$161 71

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST.

Literary fund—derived from the State, principle applied in payment of town debt, interest thereof applied annually to schools,	\$1,772 67
Fox fund—legacy of Eliphalet Fox,	1,000 00
Invested in notes of B. J. Leach, \$250.00, interest accrued on same,	14 08
And in note of Samuel B. Aldrich, \$750.00, interest accrued on same,	44 91
Both notes secured by mortgage on real estate, interest applied to schools.	
Lord fund—legacy of Jotham Lord deposited in Cheshire Savings bank, amount due October 1, 1880,	672 73
Dog tax of 1880,	51 00
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

WILLARD BILL, JR., } Selectmen of
BARTON C. ALDRICH, } Westmoreland.
JEWETT E. BUFFUM, }

JOHN COWDERY, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, auditors chosen by the town of West moreland to examine and audit the accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer of said town, report that we have attended to that duty, and believe said report to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN WORKS,
O. J. BUTTERFIELD. } Auditors.

Westmoreland, March 1, 1881.

REPORT OF SUPT. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Variety is said to be the spice of life, and we have found this true in the quality of our schools during the past year. Many of the districts have had superior schools and some inferior ones. Many teachers are finely educated and apt to teach but poor disciplinarians: others are adapted to govern but not to instruct; and still others will glide through a school on their good nature. Few possess all of these qualifications and yet in these times of loose home government, all are necessary to good success.

There has been quite an increase in the amount of school money raised, giving most of the districts greater length of schools. We are glad to notice that most of the schools have been visited by parents and elder pupils from other schools to a much greater degree than in the past. We believe the parents are the natural guardians of the schools and the responsibility should rest upon them to make them successful. Study the qualifications of your teacher and be ready to supplement their efforts just where they are needed. Visit often, consult freely with the teacher concerning your children's interest. In fine, take a thorough and lively interest in that which stands second only to home influence in the future prosperity and happiness of your children. We cannot understand why parents should be so negligent of this most precious of all public duties to their offspring. The immortality and recklessness of some of our scholars is really alarming, and unless we as parents and guardians arouse ourselves to check it, our children will learn more evil than good at the public school. In regard to reading "a new departure" is very much needed. The least improvement in this is seen of any of the branches taught in our common schools. There needs to be a more patient, persistent, thorough

drill in the elements of good reading. There is too much reading and too little drill. A marked reform is here imperatively demanded and should be insisted upon as an indispensable element of successful teaching. One reason for this deficiency is found in the fact that so few teachers are qualified themselves to give correct examples of good reading to their classes. Let the importance of the subject be seriously and earnestly considered by all teachers.

DISTRICT REPORTS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The Spring, Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Adie M. Chickering, all of the three terms being successful and giving good satisfaction; and she may be ranked as one of the first-class teachers in town. She is not very closely confined to the text book and is patient and faithful and thorough in her instructions and secures the good will of her pupils, which renders the government of the school comparatively easy.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Nellie Allen taught the Spring, Fall and Winter terms and gave good satisfaction in both. She evidently possesses the qualities of a good teacher which would appear to better advantage in a large school. She had some occasion to test her capacity and patience in the government of her winter term and found them not wanting.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The School had in the Summer, Miss Florence L. Cowdery for teacher; the Fall and Winter terms were taught by James B. Mason, Esq.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The Summer term was under the charge of Miss Emma Hutchins. The teacher was one of experience and gave satisfaction. The Winter term was taught by Miss Julia E. Reed of Keene. We were much pleased with the different

methods Miss R. took to interest her scholars and of the advancement which they made in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss Carrie B. Chamberlain was teacher of the Summer and Fall terms, and Mr. E. Clinton Wellington of the Winter. They both secured the good will of their scholars and their services were very acceptable.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Here Miss Vesta B. Chickering was teacher the entire year. She filled her position with uncommon ability and faithfulness ; the scholars were studious and regular in attendance. The teacher and the district have every reason to be satisfied with the year's work.

DISTRICT No. 7.

The two terms of school in this district had Miss Ella M. Hoyt as teacher. Considering the ages of the pupils the progress made was good. We judge Miss H. will make a fine teacher.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The teacher of the Summer term was Miss Gurtrude F. Cowdry : of the Fall, Miss Ella L. Bennett, Dummerston, Vt., and of the Winter Mr. Frank A. Knight. They were all teachers of considerable experience and the school prospered under their instruction. The care that Mr. K. took to have his scholars possess a distinct idea of every definition and principle in the lesson deserve special mention. In this school are the most advanced pupils in town.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The teacher of the Summer term was Miss Corra L. Burt. The school appeared very well at each of our visits. The Fall and Winter terms were successful under the management of Miss Emma L. Snow of Chesterfield. The scholars became deeply interested in their studies; were judiciously aided by their teacher, and accomplished an amount of solid work which they will ever look back to with pleasure.

DISTRICT No. 10.

This school enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity with Miss Emma L. Bennett as teacher of the Summer term, and Miss Luella M. Sawyer of Keene of the Fall and Winter terms. Both teachers possessed tact and experience. Their instruction was systematic; their management excellent, and the scholars worked with a will. We never saw pupils who seemed to be more familiar with what they had studied. Miss Sawyer stimulated her scholars to self-activity to a commendable degree.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Miss Julia A. Britton taught three terms during the year with satisfaction to all, being her 6th term in succession in that district, the last being her 12th term of teaching. She has a peculiar faculty to win the sympathy and respect of her pupils, yet not to the sacrifice of necessary discipline.

At the close of the Winter term her scholars expressed their respect and love for her in a way she will not soon forget.

Her reputation as a good teacher is secure.

DISTRICT No. 12.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Eva R. Hall. It was her first term, and being young and inexperienced she failed to satisfy some, but with more opportunities and experience might make a successful teacher.

Mr. William H. Proctor taught the Winter term with good success both as it regards instruction and discipline, and being genial and pleasant in his manners he wins the good will of the school and seems at home in his chosen calling.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.—Charles Aiken, Roy Aiken, Maud Aiken, Lenna Britton, Mary Britton, Jennie L. Bill, Anna L. Burt, Flora J. Burt, Semira W. Bert, Mac Emery, Ina Emery, Jessie M. Hutchins, Eva J. Jarvis, Myrtie Kathan, Ada E. Kathan, Jennie L. Perry, Fred G. Reed, Herbert Wilcox, Alice J. Chickering, Edna M. Cook, Arthur H. Chickering, Jonnie W. Nesmith.

FOR TWO TERMS.—Clara F. Bill, Carl Britton, Frank W. Cole, Guy Emery, Flora A. Kathan, Kate W. Perry, Dora J. Cook, Myrtie B. Parker, Bertha C. Parker, Sarah J. Wright, Bertie C. Parker, Lewis A. Mahogany, Leslie G. Converse, Charles A. Mahogany, Lizzie Davis, Willie P. Davis, Eddie B. Cook.

FOR ONE TERM.—Ella D. Aiken, Willie H. Burt, Albert S. Burt, John R. Burt, Earl Burt, Lee H. Burt, Frank J. Bennett, George E. Bigelow, Llewellyn Britton, Zenas Britton, Gertrude Cobb, Jennie Chase, Robert S. Chickering, Bell C. Cobleigh, Vinie A. Cobleigh, Mary Culliton, Hugh Emery, Jennie Esty, Kate Griffin, Harley Goodnow, Eddie Heustis, Walter L. Reed, Ned J. Veasey, Hortensia Veasey, Maurice Wheeler, Eugene Wheeler, Ida M. White, John Webber, George B. Beed, William A. Graves, Lillian I. Hall, Clara E. Woodard, Mary J. Woodard, Leon Hall, Frankie S. Black, Myrtie E. Rawson, Albert M. Bosworth, Mary E. Evans, Mary Wright, David Callahan, Willie H. Cobb, Nellie M. Greeley, Nellie H. Wood, Lilla I. Greeley, Edward Mahogany, Mary J. Davis, Bennie O. Aldrich, Estella G. Aldrich, Bertha M. Hall, Robert J. Fuller.

ISRAEL A. LOVELAND,

JEHIEL CLAFFLIN,

JAMES B. MASON,

Supt. School Committee.

Westmoreland, March 1, 1881.

TABLE.

Districts	Number of different scholars attending during the year.	Total length of school in weeks.	Instances of tardiness.		Instances of Dismissal.		Number of Days Absence.		No. of Visitors including Committee.		Wages of Teachers per month, including board.		Amount of money to each scholar.			
			Summer.	Fall.	Summer.	Fall.	Summer.	Fall.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Fall.				
No. 1	28	32·6	0	0	6	8	1	1	1	46	36	32	24	6·57		
No. 2	11	22	0	20	6	6	0	13	120	120	49	20	20	12·02		
No. 3	19	28	41	28	5	4	0	0	55	54	9	20	28	10·75		
No. 4	21	22	6	6	13	12	0	0	60%	60%	8	24	20	5·88		
No. 5	10	28	6	13	62	0	0	4	21	32	14	18	20	15·48		
No. 6	14	29	21	12	3	12	0	3	42%	22%	19	20	18	10·03		
No. 7	10	20	0	10	0	0	4	4	6	34	17	16	24	11·90		
No. 8	20	29·8	10	0	6	3	4	31	52	85	15	23	12*	6·86		
No. 9	10	28	9	14	1	4	7	3	14	25	25	12	16	10*		
No. 10	33	30·6	3	4	5	5	0	0	54%	22%	45	31	22	24	6·96	
No. 11	27	31	0	5	9	12	1	29	41	123%	137%	44	34	25	30	8·44
No. 12	16	19	1	1	16	1	0	0	29	0	109%	19	16	18	7·99	

*Board given.

